GOVERNMENT OF AHDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services - Water Resources Department- Allegation of irregularities in construction of R&R Colonies with civic amenities at Kambalapalem(V) Musallakunta(V), and Potavaram -2 (V)of Devipatnam Mandal of erstwhile East Godavari District under Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) packages of Polavaram Irrigation Project against Sri P.Pradeep Kumar, the then AEE,R&R Tribal Welfare and presently working as AEE, WRD , PIPLMC Sub division, Tuni - Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules,1991- Articles of charges - Issued.

WATER RESOURCES (VIGILANCE-I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 614 Dated: 14-11-2025

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ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri P.Pradeep Kumar, the then AEE,R&R Tribal Welfare and presently working as AEE, WRD, PIPLMC Sub division, Tuni in accordance With the Procedure laid down under Rule-20 of the A.P.Civil Services {CC&A) Rules,1991 for the alleged charges specified herein.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charges (Annexure-I). A statement of imputations of misconduct or in support of articles of charges is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed. (Annexure-Ill & IV).

3. Sri P.Pradeep Kumar, the then AEE,R&R Tribal Welfare and presently working as AEE, WRD , PIPLMC Sub division, Tuni is directed to submit his written statement of defence within (10) days from the date of receipt of his order and also state whether he desires to be heard in person.

4. Sri P.Pradeep Kumar, the then AEE,R&R Tribal Welfare and presently working as AEE, WRD , PIPLMC Sub division, Tuni is informed that an inquiry will be held only ln respect of those article charges which are not specifically admitted herein. Lie should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of Charge. He is further Informed that adequate opportunity for perusal of records Will be made available during the course of Inquiry.

5. Sri P.Pradeep Kumar, the then AEE,R&R Tribal Welfare and presently working as AEE, WRD , PIPLMC Sub division, Tuni is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the stipulated time or does not appear in person before the disciplinary authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of rule 20 of the APCS (CC&A) Rules,1991 or the orders/ directions issued ln pursuance the said Rules, the inquiring authority may hold inquiry against him ex-parte.

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6. Attention of Sri P.Pradeep Kumar, the then AEE,R&R Tribal Welfare and presently working as AEE, WRD , PIPLMC Sub division, Tuni is invited to Rule-24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Connduct) Rules 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters Pertaining to his Service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person ln respect of any matter dealt with these Proceedings, it will be Presumed that Sri P.Pradeep Kumar, the then AEE,R&R Tribal Welfare and presently working as AEE, WRD , PIPLMC Sub division, Tuni is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action Will be taken against him for Violation Of Rule-24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules,1964.

7. The receipt of this order should be acknowledged.

(BY ORDERAND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OFANDHRA PRADESH)

G SAI PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri P.Pradeep Kumar, the then AEE,R&R Tribal Welfare and presently working as AEE, WRD , PIPLMC Sub division, Tuni (through the Engineer-in-Chief(AW) Water Resources Department, Vijayawada).
The Engineer-in-Chief(AW) Water Resources Department, Vijayawada with a request to submit the dated acknowledgement of the individual to the Govt., without any delay.

Copy to:-

The Director General, GA(V&E) Dept., Vijayawada.
The Secretary, A.P. Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
Sc/Sfs.

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Annexure-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAISNT SRI P.PRADEEP KUMAR, THE THEN AEE,R&R TRIBAL WELFARE AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS AEE, WRD , PIPLMC SUB DIVISION, TUNI

Sri P.Pradeep Kumar, the then AEE,R&R Tribal Welfare has committed dereliction of duties amounting to misconduct in violation of Rules 3(1) and 3(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964, as mentioned in the following Article of Charges. Article of Charge – I :- That the said Sri P. Pradeep Kumar while functioning as Assistant Executive Engineer, R&R, Tribal Welfare has recorded the work and recommended the bill for payment for inferior quality of concrete work in execution of “Construction of R&R colonies with Civic amenities at Kambalapalem (V) H/o Sarabavaram in Devipatnam (M) of East Godavari District (Work No.2)”. Thus, he has committed dereliction of duties, amounting to misconduct.

Article of Charge – II :- That the said Sri P. Pradeep Kumar while functioning as Assistant Executive Engineer, in the aforesaid office has recorded the work and recommended the bill for payment for inferior quality of concrete work in execution of “Construction of R&R colonies with Civic amenities at Musallakunta (V) in Devipatnam (M) of East Godavari District (Work No.3)”. Thus, he has committed dereliction of duties, amounting to misconduct.

Article of Charge – III :- That the said Sri P. Pradeep Kumar while functioning as Assistant Executive Engineer, in the aforesaid office has recorded the work and recommended the bill for payment for inferior quality of concrete work in execution of “Construction of R&R colonies with Civic amenities at Pothavaram-2 (V) in Devipatnam (M) of East Godavari District (Work No.4)”. Thus, he has committed dereliction of duties, amounting to misconduct.

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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Annexure – II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.PRADEEP KUMAR, THE THEN AEE,R&R TRIBAL WELFARE AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS AEE, WRD , PIPLMC SUB DIVISION, TUNI

1. The Vigilance & Enforcement department officials verified i) the quality of construction of houses which were executed in Devipatnam, Gokavaram, Gangavaram, Yetapaka and Kunavaram mandals of erstwhile East Godavari District under Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) packages of Polavaram Irrigation Project and ii) acquisition of lands which were said to have been reported as not suitable for cultivation by the Deputy Inspectors of Survey of Yetapaka & Rampachodavaram of erstwhile East Godavari District.

2. The enquiry of the subject matter consist (i) Verification of the quality of construction of R&R houses and (ii) Verification of acquired lands which are unfit for cultivation.

3. The V&E officials collected pertinent records from the concerned officers, regarding 16 R&R colonies in erstwhile E.G. District for Verification of the quality of construction of R&R houses.The brief scope and nature of works inspected were as follow:

   i. Construction of Buildings (Beneficiary houses and infrastructure buildings).
   ii. Providing CC roads, CC drains and other civic amenities.

4. V&E after verification of the following works have made the following observations

   Work. No 2: Construction of R&R colonies with Civic amenities at Kambalapalem (V) H/o Sarabavaram in Devipatnam (M) of East Godavari District.
   Work. No 3: Construction of R&R colonies with Civic amenities at Musallakunta (V) in Devipatnam (M) of East Godavari District.
   Work. No 4: Construction of R&R colonies with Civic amenities at Pothavaram-2 (V) in Devipatnam (M) of East Godavari District.

   a). Cement concrete cores were extracted from i. road, ii. Top of drain walls, iii. Roof slab of PDF & iv. Roof slab of temple building of the work and tested for Compressive Strength by engaged the agency M/s KDM Engineers (India)Private Ltd., NABL Accredited Laboratory, Visakhapatnam for conducting Quality test.

   b). As per clause 17.4.3 of IS 456:2000 Concrete in the member represented by a core test shall be considered acceptable if the average equivalent cube strength of the cores is equal to at least 85 percent of the cube strength of the grade of concrete specified for the corresponding age and no individual core has a strength less than 75 percent.

   c). Hence, for the permissible compressive strength required for M15, M20, M25 and M30 grades of concrete the equivalent individual core strength shall be 11.25 N/mm2 , 15.00 N/mm2 , 18.75 N/mm2, & 22.50 N/mm2 and the required average compressive strength is 12.75 N/mm2, 17.00 N/mm2, 21.25 N/mm2 & 25.50 N/mm2 respectively.

d). Test results of cores for the above works:

CC core location	Grade of concrete	Required strength in N/mm^2	Attained strength in N/mm^2	Remarks	Rejection/ Recovery amount in Rs.
Work.No .2					
Roof slab of Temple building					1,25,445
Front side (7.10m, 1.98m)	M25	18.75 (75%)	27.70	Satisfactory	
Left side Projection (0.25m, 4.55m)	M25	18.75 (75%)	13.10	Failed	
Rear side (5.96m, 11.68)	M25	18.75 (75%)	17.40	Satisfactory	
Avg. equivalent cube compressive strength (N/mm^2)	M25	21.25 (85%)	19.40	Failed	
Main Road					
@ Ch 17m, 1.00m from R/s edge (R/s)	M30	22.5 (75%)	19.10	Failed	5,88,738
@ Ch 69m, 2.00m from L/s edge (Centre)	M30	22.5 (75%)	18.30	Failed	
@ Ch 121m, 1.00m from L/s edge (L/s)	M30	22.5 (75%)	26.90	Satisfactory	
Avg. equivalent cube compressive strength (N/mm^2)	M30	25.5 (85%)	21.40	Failed	
Work.No .3					
Roof slab of temple building					1,26,683
Front side projection 5.72m, 0.50m)	M25	18.75 (75%)	12.60	Failed	
Rear side projection (4.83m, 13.79m)	M25	18.75 (75%)	17.10	Failed	
Right side projection (8.10m, 7.61m)	M25	18.75 (75%)	17.30	Failed	
Avg. equivalent cube compressive strength (N/mm^2)	M25	21.25 (85%)	15.60	Failed	
Main Road No.3					14,56,943
@ Ch 123m, 1.00m from R/s edge (R/s)	M30	22.50 (75%)	17.80	Failed	

@ Ch 230m, 2.00m from R/s edge (Centre)	M30	22.50 (75%)	18.60	Failed	
@ Ch 336m, 1.00m from L/s edge (L/s)	M30	22.50 (75%)	17.20	Failed	
Avg. equivalent cube compressive strength (N/mm^2)	M30	25.50 (85%)	17.90	Failed	
L/s drain wall of main road no.3 (MR4, 194 to tail end)					
@ Ch. 120m, top of L/s drain wall	M15	11.25 (75%)	11.20	Fair	10,13,726
@ Ch. 239m, top of R/s drain wall	M15	11.25 (75%)	9.80	Failed	
@ Ch. 359m, top of L/s drain wall	M15	11.25 (75%)	7.40	Failed	
Avg. equivalent cube compressive strength (N/mm^2)	M15	12.75 (85%)	9.50	Failed	
Work.No .4					
Roof slab of temple building					1,26,352
R/s Projection (7.89m, 6.80m)	M25	18.75 (75%)	13.40	Failed	
Rear Projection (5.48m, 13.60m)	M25	18.75 (75%)	10.10	Failed	
L/s Projection (0.65m, 7.07m)	M25	18.75 (75%)	15.40	Failed	
Avg. equivalent cube compressive strength (N/mm2)	M25	21.25 (85%)	13.00	Failed	
Main Road					6,57,181
@ Ch 50m, 0.75 m from L/s edge (L/s)	M30	22.50 (75%)	10.60	Failed	
@ Ch 100m, 1.75m from R/s edge (Centre)	M30	22.50 (75%)	9.80	Failed	
@ Ch 150m, 0.75m from R/s edge (R/s)	M30	22.50 (75%)	9.20	Failed	
Avg. equivalent cube compressive strength (N/mm^2)	M30	25.50 (85%)	9.90	Failed	
R/s drain wall of main road					1,70,741
@ Ch. 55m, top of L/s drain wall	M15	11.25 (75%)	11.40	Satisfactory	

@ Ch. 115m, top of R/s drain wall	M15	11.25 (75%)	8.70	Failed	
@ Ch. 175m, top of L/s drain wall	M15	11.25 (75%)	10.80	Failed**	
Avg. equivalent cube compressive strength (N/mm^2)	M15	12.75 (85%)	10.30	Failed	
				Total	42,65,809

** Corrected as the Attained compressive strength is less than the Required Compressive strength.

As verified from the above test results, the average equivalent cube compressive strength of CC cores extracted from various components of above said works was found to have not attained the strength requirements of the specified grade of concrete as per IS 456:2000.

5. Thus, Sri P. Pradeep Kumar is responsible for recording the work and recommending the bill for payment for inferior quality of concrete work in various components in execution of the above said works and causing loss of Rs. 42,65,809 /- to the Government Exchequer.

6. Thus, the said officer has failed to perform his duties with due diligence which amounts to dereliction of duties leading to misconduct in violation of Rules 3(1) and 3(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964.

G SAI PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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Annexure – III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS IN WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.PRADEEP KUMAR, THE THEN AEE,R&R TRIBAL WELFARE AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS AEE, WRD , PIPLMC SUB DIVISION, TUNI

The General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department, Vigilance report No. 05 (C.No.649/V&E/Engg/2019-1), Dt: 08.02.2024 along with its enclosures.

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Annexure – IV

LIST OF WITNESS BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAISNT SRI P.PRADEEP KUMAR, THE THEN AEE,R&R TRIBAL WELFARE AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS AEE, WRD , PIPLMC SUB DIVISION, TUNI

The General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department officials who have verified the work.

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